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4. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN HIS OFFICE ON 9 JUNE, BECKER'S LAW PARTNER SCHILY REFERRING TO THE ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST HIS PARTNER, PROTESTED THE "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF ATTORNEYS." SCHILY BLAMED THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, THE POLICE AND SOME OF THE PRESS AND STATED THAT IN PARTICULAR THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR AND THE PRESS HAD ENDANGERED BECKER'S GOOD REPUTATION BY VOICING SUSPICIONS WHICH HAD PROVED TO BE UNFOUNDED. SCHILY CALLED IT A MONSTROSITY THAT THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, IN THE PROCEEDINGS FOR BECKER'S EXCLUSION FROM THE TRIAL, HAD QUOTED BECKER'S "UNPOPULAR MOTIONS" AS A REASON TO SUSPECT HIM OF COMPLICITY IN TILL MEYER'S BREAKOUT.
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5. THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR'S MOTION FOR EXCLUSION OF COUNSEL INGRID LOHSTOETER, WHO REPRESENTS GERALD KLOEPPER, WAS ALSO REJECTED. THE 1ST PANEL SENAT CONSIDERED THE MOTION AS "UNCONVINCING" AND DID NOT SUBMIT IT TO THE 2D PENAL SENAT FOR DECISION.

6. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, ON 13 JUNE, THE INVESTIGATING JUDGE AT THE KAMMERGERICHT ORDERED THAT DETLEV MUELLERHOFF, FORMERLY COUNSEL FOR TILL MEYER, WAS TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY. MUELLERHOFF IS BEING HELD ON SUSPICION OF COMPLICITY IN

THE MEYER ESCAPE. ALSO ON 13 JUNE, MEMBERS OF THE
TERRORIST ORGANIZATION "REVOLUTIONAERE ZELLEN" (REVOLUTION-
ARY CELLS) ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT THE CONTINUATION OF THE
TRIAL BY DISSEMINATING AN "OPEN LETTER" IN AN APARTMENT
HOUSE NEXT TO THE OFFICE OF COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE
COUNSEL ECKHARD KUMMHEUER. THE LETTER WARNS KRUMMHEUER
AND HIS COLLEAGUES OF THE DANGERS OF CONTINUED PARTICIP-
ATION IN THE TRIAL. AS A RESULT OF THREATS AND ATTACKS
THE COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSELS HAVE BEEN AFFORDED
POLICE PROTECTION. THE MAJORITY OF THEM APPEAR PREPARED
TO CONTINUE THEIR DUTIES.

7. ONLY ONE SESSION OF THE TRIAL WAS HELD THIS WEEK.
NEXT WEEK THE COURT PLANS TO BEGIN THE HEARING OF
EVIDENCE.

8. COMMENT: DEFENSE COUNSEL MAY RAISE AGAIN ARGUMENT
THAT STATUS OF BERLIN PRECLUDES PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL
PROSECUTOR AND THAT TRIAL IN BERLIN WITH HIS PARTICIPATION
IS ILLEGAL. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONFIDENT COURT WILL
CONTINUE TO REJECT SUCH CLAIMS. GEORGE

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